

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being unpatentable over Chen (US 5796334) in view of Owen (US 5294915).

The claims have been amended to better distinguish the invention from the cited prior art.

Chen teaches a transmitter and receiver that may be used for locating a remote control. The transmitter determines an identification code at power on, at some predetermined time, or in response to a pushbutton thereon. This identification code is sent to the receiver, which thereafter responds to a signal sent by the transmitter when the identification code is part of the signal.

Owen teaches a remote-controlled device that has a transmitter for activating a locator sound in the remote control for the remote-controlled device.

Neither of these references teaches nor suggests that the remote control may be used to instruct the transmitter to store an identification code for use in registering the remote control.

The instant claims include a limitation that the control code in the electric appliance is assigned in response to an instruction from the wireless remote control apparatus. This is supported, for example, at page 10, lines 2-14 of the specification.

As neither of the cited references teaches nor suggests such a limitation, it is not possible to combine these references to make the present invention. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over these references.

For the above reasons it is believed that the application and claims as amended is now in proper condition for allowance, and reconsideration and early allowance of the amended application is respectfully solicited.

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